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SENATOR STAHLER: Mr. President and members of the Body. I'm going to speak against this amendment. We just have a new board. I think we ought to let that board that will be appointed by the Governor and it's a good appointment, it'll be a good board and if it's bad, it'll be a bad board and he can take the credit or the blame. I think there's plenty of people in that area to choose from. I think we ought to let them decide what is best for the area after a thorough study. I suspect they'll come with either three or four but I think it would be a mistake to try to prejudge where anything ought to be.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, question of Senator Keyes. Under your amendment, what would be the first order of business for your new Board of Directors?

SENATOR KEYES: To decide where they wanted to put the number one campus. If they started, it probably was in metropolitan Omaha. Where Senator Stahlmer wants it.

SENATOR KELLY: And should find that where you want those, where you want them is wrong, what would you have them do? Build them where they're wrong?

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Kelly, I think that we will find that where I want them is right. We have 80,000 people now. By the time they get around to building it, there'll be 100,000 in Sarpy County. There's plenty of them in Omaha and the rural area we should have some guarantee in Senator Johnson's and Senator Richendifer's area, there will be a community college that is offered. We have three, four, five, and some of the other districts and suddenly we need three in this district.

SENATOR KELLY: I guess what we need and what we get are two different things but you just got \$750,000. It shouldn't take two years to build it now.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Question for Senator Keyes. If he would yield.

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Senator Keyes, I noticed that in the first part of your amendment, you say this plan...you're striking the language. This plan shall be developed in cooperation with the University of Nebraska-Omaha to insure the most efficient and effective delivery of quality educational services in the area. I frankly wonder...am wondering if you mean to strike that language. For example, in a community college or a vocational school or anything like that, if you have academic courses at a university which is in a local area, we don't, we certainly don't want to duplicate academic courses at the voc-tech school where they can be delivered by say Omaha U in this case or at Kearney State College in the case of Kearney. And that sort of thing. Would you be adverse to leaving that...the language in so that we do coordinate the efforts with the academic facility that's already going there?